

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 30, 2004  
7:00 P.M.

Chairman Wooten called the reconvened the August 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. on August 30, 2004 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board had asked for bids for the appraisal of all county buildings and at the last meeting the bids were opened. A bid was submitted from Stinson Appraisal in the amount of \$2,825.00 and Industrial Appraisal in the amount of \$5,610.00. Mr. Ray stated that after having the opportunity to look over the bids that Industrial Appraisal has not only given a price for the appraisal of the buildings, but also includes in their amount, for the appraisal of permanent fixtures, and movable equipment. White County will be required to have inventory sheets of all movable equipment and permanent fixtures to be in compliance with the new auditing standards GASB 34. Mr. Ray stated that if we only appraise the buildings then we would have to locate someone to help the county put together the inventory and depreciation schedules required by GASB 34. Mr. Ray stated that he would make a motion to accept the bid of Industrial Appraisal in the amount of \$5,610.00 which would appraise the county buildings, appraise and inventory all the fixed assets and provide a annual update of the insurable value and annual update of all fixed assets. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-1 on roll call vote with Mitchell voting nay.

Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Bill Wetzel and Mr. Tim Hopkins with the Sidwell Company would be presenting a brief overview of a Geographic Information System. Mr. Wetzel explained that a geographic information system was a map of a particular area, which knows where it's at in the real world. GIS is a digital seamless map to which you may add layer after layer of information. Mr. Wetzel brought GIS from the City of Charleston and showed the Board members how to locate parcels, bring up those parcels and also find a legal description, tax codes, soil types and a digital picture of the buildings located on the parcel. Mr. Wetzel explained that the new method of assessing farmland, Bulletin 810, adopted by the Illinois Department of Revenue, could be managed very easily with a GIS system. Mr. Wetzel explained that White County currently has photography and maps located in the Supervisor of Assessments office. Mr. Wetzel explained that White County's last photography was taken in 2000, which is almost five years old. He stated that the photography was then scanned into ortho-photography. The current county photography however did not have the proper ground controls in place for an accurate ortho-photography. Mr. Wetzel stated that White County's current ortho-photography could be used, but it may be off by as much as 50 or 60 feet. Mr. Wetzel stated that he would suggest that White County start with a new ortho-flight with the proper ground controls to begin their Geographic Information System. Mr. Ray asked what a new flight would cost and Mr. Wetzel stated that a ballpark figure would be around \$68,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Mr. Wetzel stated that this project would be a continuing project and that there were several ways of funding such a project. Mr. Wetzel explained that White County has applied and been approved for an \$80,000.00 grant funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The county has also increased recording fees to help fund a GIS system. White County could also look for development partners, such as cities, fire districts, and industry of the county. Mrs. Julie Irwin, 9-1-1 Coordinator asked in counties with a GIS who usually managed the system? Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Hopkins stated that in some counties it was the Supervisor of Assessment in others it was the 9-1-1 Coordinator and in others they had hired a GIS Coordinator. The Board asked if it was necessary to increase staff to manage the system. Mr. Hopkins replied that a GIS system would involve no more work that what was already being done. The work would be done in a different computer format. Mr. Ray asked Mrs. Satterfield, the Supervisor of Assessments, if she could be in compliance with Bulletin 810 without a GIS system. Mrs. Satterfield replied that she had answered all of the Department of Revenue's questions and they accepted her answers and thought that she could bring White County in compliance without a GIS system. Mr. Wooten stated that the Illinois Department of Revenue's guidelines is subject to change at any give time.

Mr. Tim Hopkins explained that Sidwell has been doing business with White County since 1990. The Sidwell Company has been in business for 75 years. Currently, Sidwell in partnership with the Illinois Department of Revenue currently teaches mapping courses to the assessment offices for their continuing education. Mr. Hopkins explained that Sidwell is also a development partner with ERSI, which is comparable with Microsoft operating systems. Mr. Hopkins explained that ERSI when developing new technology depends on Sidwell to use and test their technology in mapping before every introducing the product to the market place. Mr. Hopkins stated that he would very much like to work with White County in developing a Geographic Information System and they would stay until after the meeting to answer any questions. Mrs. Mitchell asked what the total project would cost and Mr. Hopkins stated that White County was presented a quote, but that quote was over two years old and would have to be reviewed. Mrs. Mitchell asked if additional computer costs would be incurred over above the cost of a Geographic Information System. Mr. Wetzel

stated that he was planning on visiting White County on Tuesday to review the computer system that was already in place for the tax and mapping system and try to determine the upgrades that would be necessary and those cost.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to hire a new Director of the Ambulance Service. Mr. Trout of the ambulance committee stated that several resumes had been received and interviews were conducted, but at this time they were not going to make a decision on that position and that Mr. Roger Heckler had agreed to stay on at the ambulance service. Mr. Trout stated that this situation would be addressed at a later date.

Chairman Wooten introduced Master Sergeant J. J. Wittenborn of the Illinois Drug Task Force. Master Sgt. Wittenborn apologized for not being able to attend the August 10, 2004 board meeting. Master Sgt. Wittenborn stated that the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force was comprised of 7 counties in Southern Illinois. Mr. Wittenborn explained that in the last fiscal year with ran from July 1, 2003 until June 30, 2004, the task force had 188 arrest, dismantled 123 meth labs, seized 86 firearms and 26 individuals had been indicted on federal warrants. He stated that they were very busy and their statistics for this year are right on track with last year proving that the meth problem in Southern Illinois is a continuing problem. Mr. Ray asked Master Sgt. Wittenborn if he could break down those statistics for White County. Mr. Wittenborn stated that it would take some time, but he would be happy to do so. Mr. Wooten thanked Master Sgt. Wittenborn for the update.

Chairman Wooten reminded the Board that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.